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Councilmember Rose Herrera Presented \$1,000 Reward to Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers for Tip Leading to Arrest in Thanksgiving Weekend Assault

SAN JOSE, CA – Councilmember Rose Herrera presented a \$1,000.00 grant check to Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at their Annual Crab & Paste Feed Fundraiser on Saturday, May 12th at the San Jose Police Officers Association Hall -1151 N 4th street. The money will be distributed from Crime Stoppers to the anonymous individual who provided a tip that led to the arrest of a suspect in the 2011 Thanksgiving Weekend Assault of Atul Lall in East San José.

“After personally meeting with the Mr. Lall and hearing about his horrible experience, I worked with many individuals and organizations that were moved by this senseless attack and came forward with offers of help for the victim,” states Councilmember Herrera. “An attack against one of us is an attack against all of us. I am proud of, and grateful to, the individual who had the courage to stand up for their community and provide the necessary information that led to the arrest. I commend everyone one for their efforts and support, including the police department who was actively involved with solving the crime.”

The assault of Mr. Lall occurred during the 2011 Thanksgiving weekend. Mr. Lall is a resident of District 8 and was severely beaten by three men as he was in his car in front of Lucky’s grocery store on South White Road. While backing out of a parking space, three men surrounded his car, opened his door and began to beat him and hit him with a tequila bottle. Mr. Lall suffered severe lacerations, a broken jaw and loss of several teeth as a result of the beating.

In addition to the check from Councilmember Herrera, Zahra Billoo of Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) attended the crab feed on Saturday to present the \$2,000.00 reward on behalf of CAIR, the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California (SABA-NC), and the Hindu American Foundation (HAF). An additional \$2,000.00 from the Alalusi Foundation was presented to Crime Stoppers by Mr. Alalusi.

To view police press release on arrest of suspect click here:
<http://www.sjpd.org/inews/viewPressRelease.asp?ID=910>

About Councilmember Rose Herrera

Councilmember Rose Herrera represents District 8 in the City of San José. Councilmember Herrera currently Chairs the Community and Economic Development Committee, the VTA Audit Committee, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee, a member of the Mayor's Gang Task Force, the Santa Clara County Transportation Advisory Board, CalTrain Joint Powers Board, a voting delegate to the League of California Cities and the Founder and President of the League of California Cities' Women's Caucus. For more information go to <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8/>.

About Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization. The first Crime Stoppers program began in September 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and has since spread to include over 1,000 cities and 13 countries worldwide. The mission of Crime Stoppers is to work with law enforcement and the media to help make our communities a safer place in which to live. Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers (originally named San Jose Crime Stoppers) was formed in September 1982 and is made up of a board of volunteers.

On August 17, 2000, San Jose Crime Stoppers changed their name to Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers to better reflect the newly expanded program and partnership with all of the law enforcement agencies in Santa Clara County, as well as the Santa Clara County District Attorney's office, California Highway Patrol and the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department. For more information go to <http://svcrimestoppers.org/>.

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